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Amendments to the drawings:

Attached hereto is a replacement drawing sheet containing Figs. 2c and

3a. Fig. 2c has been amended to add reference numerals 100, 102, and 104.

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REMARKS**OCT 03 2006**

The present amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated June 9, 2006, which set a three-month period for response. Filed herewith is a One-month Extension of Time, making this amendment due by October 9, 2006.

Claims 1-16 are pending in this application.

In the Office Action, the Applicants were required to furnish a drawing pursuant to 37 CFR 1.81(c) to facilitate understanding of the invention. Fig. 1 was objected to as not including a legend, "Prior Art". Claim 10 was objected to for an informality. Claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 10, and 11 were objected to under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 3,849,943 to Thomas et al. Claim 5 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Thomas et al as applied to claims 1 and 4, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,837,981 to Hashii.

The Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of claims 3, 8, and 9 if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In the present amendment, the specification has been amended to add standard headings and to delete reference to the claims. Fig. 2c has been amended to add reference numerals 100 through 104 to address the objection to the drawings. Fig. 1 was amended to add the legend "Prior Art".

Allowable claims 3, 8, and 9 have been rewritten in independent form as new claims 12, 13, and 14, respectively.

Claim 1 was amended to define the present invention more clearly over the cited references. The Applicants respectfully submit that none of the cited references disclose corresponding modules with vibration bodies as well as with a platelike mounting body and plate-like guide body. With this structure, a particularly simple and fast mounting can be accomplished, in contrast to the designs of the prior art. Because amended claim 1 includes the features of claim 4, claim 4 was canceled.

In addition, new independent claim 15 has been added. The Applicants respectfully submit that new claim 15 also is patentable over the cited references, because none of the references discloses corresponding mounting bodies with bayonet connection means connecting a corresponding plurality of vibration bodies. With this structure, again, a particularly simple and fast mounting is possible.

Finally, new dependent claim 16 was added, which defines that the vibration body in a couple region in which the vibration body is coupled with the guide body has an increasing diameter as viewed in the direction to the guide body. These features are shown in original Figs. 2b and 2c of the application.

Because none of the cited references discloses or suggests all of the features of the amended and new independent claims, the rejections under Section 103 must be withdrawn. When establishing obviousness under Section 103, it is not pertinent whether the prior art device possess the functional characteristics of the claimed invention, if the reference does not describe or suggest its structure. *In re Mills*, 16 USPQ 2d 1430, 1432-33 (Fed. Cir. 1990).

For the reasons set forth above, the Applicants respectfully submit that all of claims 1-16 are patentable over the cited art. The Applicants further request withdrawal of the rejections and reconsideration of the claims as herein amended.

In light of the foregoing amendments and arguments in support of patentability, the Applicants respectfully submit that this application stands in condition for allowance. Action to this end is courteously solicited.

Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, the undersigned would very much welcome a telephone call in order to discuss appropriate claim language that will place the application into condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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